

**CITY OF COTTLEVILLE  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:  
EDUCATION & PRESERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION  
Friday, April 17, 2026 at 1:00pm**

The Parks and Recreation Committee held their work session meeting in the Legacy Park at Harmony Lake located at 5490 5<sup>th</sup> Street Cottleville, Missouri.

Those present were:

Jamie Goodwin	Present
Alderman Mike Krekeler	Present (Aldermanic Representative)

During this time those present above along with City Engineer, Tom Goldcamp met with Joey Rasco, from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to discuss native planting options for bank stabilization.

Key points from the discussion include:

- Contact Information: Joey Rasco recommended Amanda Wood, an Urban Forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation, as a resource for further information.
- Funding Opportunities: Missouri offers cost-sharing for natural planting areas, covering up to 50% of the cost (approximately \$300-\$400 per acre).
- Process: The initial step involves removing invasive species. This is followed by planting and a treatment period of at least two years.
- Immediate Actions: It is recommended that we begin removing Bradford pear trees now.
- Alternative Methods: To avoid chemical use, a black tarp can be used to clear all vegetation in a specific area.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy C. Lewis  
City Clerk, MPCC, CMC, CMO

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Chairman Mike Krekeler

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_